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TO
The Honor of him, to whom the Noble
Fraternitie of Grocers, his Worthy Bro-
thers, haue Dedicated their Loues, in costly
Triumphs; the Right Honorable, PETER
PROBY, Lord Mayor of this
Renowned City.

TO be His Seruant, that hath seru'd
Two Royall Princes, and deseru'd
So Worthily of Both; the Same
Call not Service, rather Fame.

At your Lordships Command:

Tho. Middleton.

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THE TRIUMPHS OF

Honor and Vertue.

IF forreine Nations haue beene
strucke with Admiration at the
Forme, State, and Splendor of
some yeerly Triumphs, where-
in Arte hath beene but faintly
imitated : There is faire hope
that things where Inuention flourishes, cleere Art
and her gracefull Proprieties, should receiue fauor
and encouragement from the content of the Spe-
ctator, which next to the seruice of his Honor
and honorable Societie, is the principall reward
it looks for ; then not despairing of that com-
mon fauour, this takes delight to present it selfe.

And first, to beginne with the worthy loue of
his Noble Fraternity, after his Honors returne
from *Westminster*, hauing receiued some seruice
vpon the Water, by the conduct of two Artfull

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Triumphs. *Viz.* The Throne of Vertue, and the Continent of India; which also by Land attends his Lordships most wished arriuell, accompanied with the whole body of the Triumph, which neere vpon the time of his Honors approach are decently and distinctly placed; the first, bearing the Title of the *Continent of India*: A triumph replenished with all manner of Spice-plants, and trees bearing Odour, attends his Honors arriuell in *Paules Church-yard*; A blacke Personage representing *India*, call'd for her odours and riches, the Queene of Merchandize, challinging the most eminent Seate, aduanceth her selfe vpon a bed of Spices, attended by *Indians* in Antique habits: *Commerce*, *Aduventure* and *Traffique*, three habited like Merchants, presenting to her view a bright Figure, bearing the inscription of *Knowledge*, a Sunne appearing aboue the trees in brightest splendor and glory: The blacke Queene before mentioned, lending a voyce to these following words:

The Speech.

You that haue eyes of Iudgement, and discern
Things that the best of Man and Life concerne,
Draw neere, this blacke is but my native dye,
But view me with an Intellectuall eye,

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As Wise men shoot their beames forth, you lothen find
A change in the complexion of the mind;
I me beauteous in my blacknesse, O yee Sonnes
Of Fame and Honor, through my best part runnes
A Spring of living Waters, cleere and true,
Found first by Knowledge, which came first by you,
By you, and your examples, blest Commerce,
That by Exchange sends such happinesse,
Of Gummes and fragrant Spices, I confesse
My Climate Heaven do's with abundance blesse,
And those you haue from me, but what are they
Compar'd with Odours whose sent ne're decay,
And those I haue from you, plants of your youth,
The Sauour of eternall life sweet Truth,
Exceeding all the odoriferous sent,
That from the beds of Spices euer went;
I that command, (being prosperously possesst)
The Riches and the Sweetnesse of the East,
To that fani'd Mountaine Taurus spreading forth
My balmy Arme, whose bright do's kisse the North,
And in the Sea Eoum lane this band,
Account my blessings not in those to stand,
Though they be large and fruitfull, but confesse
All wealth consists in Christian holynesse,
To such celestiall knowledge I was led;
By English Merchants first enlightened,

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In Honor of whose memory, onely Three
Instance here, all of this Brotherhood free,
To whose Fames the great Honor of this howre
Aptly belongs, but to that Man of Power
The first and chiefeft, to whose worth so cleere,
Iustice hath given her Sword up for a yeere:
And as yon Sunne his perfect splendor shomes,
Cheering the Plants; and no Cloudes interpose
His Radiant Comforts; so no Earthy part
Which makes Eclipses in a Rulers hart
(As in that glorious Planet) must come nye
The Sunne of Iustice, all such mysts must flye;
You're in an Orbe of Brighnesse plac'd and fixt,
And with no soyle must Honor be commixt:
So to your worthy Progress Zeale commends
Your Lordship, with your Grane and Noble friends.

The Speech being ended, to adde a little more
help to the fainter Apprehensions, the three Mer-
chants plac'd in the Continent, haue reference to the
Lord Maior and Sheriffes, all Three being this yeer
Brothers of this Ancient and Honorable Society,
which triple or three fold Honor hapned to this
Worthy Company in the yeere 1577. Sir Thomas
Ramsey being then Lord Maior, and Master Ni-
cholas Backhouse and Master Francis Bowyer, She-
riffes; hauing coherence with this yeeres Honor,
matche

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matcht and paralell'd with these Three their as
worthy Successors, the right Honorable, *Peter
Proby*, and the generous and Nobly affected, Ma-
ster *John Hodges*, and Sir *Humphrey Handford* Sher-
riffes and Aldermen.

By this time his Lordship being gracefully con-
ducted toward the *Chariot of Fame*, which awaits
his Honors approach neare the little Conduit in
Cheape; *Amiquitie* a graue and reuerend Perso-
nage, with a golden Register-booke in his hand,
giues life to these words:

The Speech.

O *Bieets of Teeres and Reuerence greete mine eye,*
A Sight most pleasing to Antiquitie;
I neuer could unclaspe this Booke of Fame
Where Worthies dwell by a distinguishd Name.
At a more comely season; I shall tell
Things sprung from Truth, neere kin to Miracle;
With that of later dayes I first begin,
So backe into the deeper Times agen:
I onely touch Thy memory (which I know
In thankfulnessse can neuer be found slowe)
With Heauens miraculous Mercy, to Thy Healeth
After so long a Sicknesse, all the wealt h

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Which thou with an vnusurping hand hast got
Which is not the least wonder worthy note,
(Truth makes me speake things freely) cannot be
A greater work then thy recouerie,
Nine Breibren-Senators thy Seniors all
Whose times had beene before thee; Doubt did call
To their eternall Peace, from this degree
Leauing their earthly Honor now to thee;
Thinke and be thankesfull still, this seemes the more
Another obseruation kept in store,
For seuentene Senators since thy time were chose
And to this minute not one dead of those.
Those are not vsuall notes, nor here it endes,
The Court and City two most Noble Friends;
Haue made exchange alate, I reade, from hence
There has gone some most worthy Citizens
Vp to the Courts aduantage; in lieu of that
You haue a Courtier now your Magistrate,
A Seruant to Elizabeth the blest,
Since to K. Iames that raignes with Salomons dress.
Kept the Records for both, from the Queene tooke
Charge of three hundred Horse, three thousand Foote,
Foure Attributes cleaues to this Man of Men,
A Scholler, Souldier, Courtier, Cuizen,
These are no vsuall touches, to conclude
(Like to his life with blessings so endude)

Ha's

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*Ha's chose his Brotherhood, men of that Fame
For Bounty, Amity and honored Name
The City bounds transcend not in their place,
And their word makes e'm prosper, God grant grace.
Honor they neuer wanted, when wa'st seene
But they had Senators to their Bretheren
Nay, one record here to make ioy more glad,
I finde seuentene that were in Scarlet clad
All at one time of this Fraternitie,
Now sine, for this boures honor brings forth three,
Fame triple will make triple vertus strue
At whose triumphant Throne you next ariue.*

For farther Illustration there are contained in
Antiquities golden Legend, the Names of many
Worthies of ancient Time, by whom this Noble
Fraternity ha's receiued much honor, such as were
the worthy and famous Sir *Andrew Bokerell*, who
was Lord Maior of this City, the sixteenth yeere
of King *Henry* the third, and continued in the
Magistracie seuen yeeres together, also the Noble
Alou dela Zouch, who for his good gouernement
in the time of his Maioralty, was by King *Henry*
the third, created both a Baron of this Realme,
and Lord chiefe Justice of England. Also that
famous Worthy, Sir *Thomas Knowles*, twice Lord
Maior of this honorable City, which said Sir Tho-

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was beganne at his owne charge that famous building of *Guild-Hall* in *London*, and other memorable workes both in the City and in his owne Company, Reedifying also *Saint Anthonies Church*; with many others that are faire Ornaments to Memory. *Viz.* *Sir William Seuenock*, *sir Robert Chichsley*, *sir Stephen Browne*, *sir Henry Keble*, *sir William Laxton*, &c. Who by those Vertues that they were most addicted vnto in their lifetime, are Illustrated by persons of Brightnesse in the *Throne of Vertue*, the next part of *Triumph* that presents it selfe next beneath *Antiquitie*, sits *Authoritie*, plac'd between *Wisedome* and *Innocence*, holding a naked Sword, a Serpent wound about the Blade thereof, two Doves standing vpon the crosse Barre of the Hilt, and two hands meeting at the Pummel, intimating *Mercy* and *Justice*, accompanied with *Magistracie*, who holdes in his hand a Key of gold, signifying both the Key of *Knowledge* and of *Confidence*, the City Magistrate taking into his trust the Custodie of the Kings Chamber, the proper Title of the City; and which Key of gold also stands in his Lordships Crest, *viz.* an *Esstridge* holding a Key of gold in his Mouth, his Necke circled with a golden Crowne.

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His Lordship by this time arriuing at the Throne
of Vertue, plac'd neere Saint Laurence-Lane end,
Receiues this greeting from her Deitie.

The Speech.

I See great Power approach; here makes a Stand,
Would it with Vertue ought? for some Command
Seemes so compleate in Selfe-Opinions Eye,
It will scarce looke on me, but passes by;
As if the Essence of my Deitie
Were rais'd by Power, and not Power rais'd by me;
But let such Rulers know that so command
They build the Empire of their Hopes on Sand;
Still This remaines, with Eye vpon me fixt
As if he sought to haue His splendors mixt
With these of mine, which makes Authoritie meeke,
And I me so sicke of Loue to those that seeke
I cannot choose but yeeld; nor do's it wrong
Great Power to come to Vertue to be strong
Being but a Woman, mercifull and milde,
Therein is Heauen with greater glory stilde
That makes weake things, as Clemencie, and Right,
Sway Power, which would else rule all by Might
It may be said you did but late passe by
Some part of Triumph that spake Vertuously,
And one such Speech suffices; 'tis not so
In taking of your office, there you goe

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*From Court to Court, before You be confirm'd
In this high place, which Pratorship is term'd;
From Vertue, if to Vertue you resort,
It is but the same course you haue in Court
In setting of your Honor; which should bee
Redoubled rather, that I hope to see:
So Power and Vertue when they fill one Seate,
The City's blest, the Magistrate compleate.*

At the close of the Speech, this *Throne of Vertue* with all her *Caelestiall Concomitants*, and the other parts of the Triumph, take leaue of his Lordship for that time, and till after the Feast at Guild-Hall rests from Seruice; but the Feast ended, the whole state of the Triumph attends vpon his Lordship, both to *Saint Pauls* and homeward; and in *Soper-Lane* two parts of the Triumph stand ready planted; viz. the *Throne of Vertue*, and the *Globe of Honor*, which *Globe* suddenly opening and flying into eight Cants or distinct parts, discouers in a twinckling, eight bright Personages most gloriously deckt, representing (as it were) the *Inward Man*, the Intentions of a Vertuous and Worthy Brest, by the Graces of the Minde and Soule, such as *Cleere Conscience*, *Diuine Speculation*, *Peace of Heart*, *Integritie*, *Watchfulnesse*, *AEqualitye*, *Providence*; *Impartialitie*, each express by its pro-

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per Illustration. And because Mans perfection can receiue no constant Attribute in this Life, the Cloude of Frailty, euer and anon shadowing and darkening our brightest Intentions, makes good the Morality of those Cants or Parts, when they fall and close into the full round of a *Globe* againe, showing, that as the Brightest Day ha's his ouercastings; so the best men in this life haue their Imperfections; and worldly Mists oftentimes interpose the cleereſt Cogitations, and yet that but for a season, turning in the end like the mounting of this Engine, to their euerlasting Brightnesse, conuerting it selfe to a Canopic of Statres: at the foure corners below are plac'd the foure Cardinall Vertues, *Wisedome, Iustice, Fortitude and Temperance*, by each of them fixt a little Streamer or Banner, in which are displayed, the Armes of this Honorable City, the Lord Maiors, the Grocers, and the Noble *East-India* Companies: The out-parts of the *Globe* shewing the Worlds Type, in Countries, Seas and Shipping, whereon is depicted or drawne Ships that haue bene fortunate to this Kingdome, by their happy and successfull Voyages; as also thar prosperous Plantation in the Colonie of *Virginia*, and the *Bermudaes*, with all good wishes to the Gouvernors, Traders and Aduenturers vnto those Christianly Reformed Islands.

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The Speech at Night, presented by Honor,
A Personage mounted on the top of this
boog, A paraleld Master-piece of Inuention and
Art, the Globe or Orbe of Honor.

Honor.

BY Vertue you came last, and who brings home
True Honor, must by Vertue alwayes come,
The right Path you haue tooke then, still proceede,
For it Continuance crownes each worthy Deeds:
Behold this Globe of Honor, euery Part
Is compos'd of, to a Noble Hart
Applies Instruction, when it is clos'd and round
It represents the World, and all that's found
Within the labouring Circle of Mans Dayes,
Aduentures, Dangers, Cares, and steepie Wayes,
Which when a Wise-man thinckes on, strait he mounts
To Heauenly Cogitations, and accounts
The vexing Spirit of Care and Labour vaine:
Easing himselfe to his full height againe:
And as this Engine do in eight Parts rise
Discovering eight Bright Figures, so the Wise
From this Lifes slumber rowz'd, (which Time deludes,)
Opens his Heart to eight Beauties.
And as if Honor overtopping All,
Here fixe my Foote on this Orbicular Ball,

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Over the World expressing my Command
As I in this Contemptuous Posture stand:
So every good and vnderstanding Spirit
Makes but Vse onely of this Life, i't inherit
An everlasting Liuing; making Friends
Of Mammons Heapes, got by vnrighteous Ends,
Which happy Thou standst free from, the more white
Sits Honor on thee, and the Cost more bright
Thy Noble Brotherhood this Day bestowes;
Expence is grac'd when Substance follow Showes,
Now to no higher Pitch of Prajse I'll come,
Loue brought thee forth, and Honor brings thee home.

FOR the body of the whole Triumph, with all
the proper Graces and Ornaments of Art and
Workmanship, the Reputation of those, rightly
appertaine to the deserts of Master Garret Crismas,
an Exquisite Master in his Art, and a Performer
about his Promises.

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